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Students Master The Fine Arts

▶ HERBST PAVILION

May is graduation month for many students and one local art school celebrates the matriculation of its graduates in a big way at Fort Mason Center. The San Francisco Art Institute (SFAI) Master of Fine Arts (MFA) exhibition is on display in the Herbst Pavilion for 10 days in mid-May.

The sheer scale, diversity, and ingenuity of the MFA show make it a must-see for art lovers looking for the latest trends and the next wave in contemporary art. All media are represented — from performance and installation art to video, photography, printmaking, painting, sculpture, mixed materials, digital art, and more.

Students and their colleagues, friends, and family are often on hand during the exhibition's open hours, lending a festive air to the show — contributing to a lively atmosphere and spirited discussions about art.

Among the participating artists are Alexandra Chowaniec, a figurative painter who captures the essence of life in her stimulating work featuring human figures, sea life, and other subjects. Another exhibiting artist, Michael Hession, works in video, photography, and drawing.

Spare Rib (The Dinner Party) PAINTING BY ALEXANDRA CHOWANIEC

In a statement on his web site, Hession said, "My work is permeated by the vernacular of the everyday, isolating the narratives of contemporary culture to reveal something beautiful or otherwise surprising, as well as using the artifacts of everyday life as material."

The San Francisco Art Institute Master of Fine Arts Exhibition occupies the Herbst Pavilion from Saturday, **May 16** through Monday, **May 25** and is open daily. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.sfai.edu or call (415) 771-7020.

Thespians-In-Residence At Fort Mason Center

▶ LANDMARK BUILDINGS B, C & D

The resident organizations at Fort Mason Center produce lively theatrical productions year round and April and May are no exceptions. BATS Improv introduces two themes and three new formats, while Young Performers Theatre instills new life in a childhood classic. Magic Theatre finishes the season with a thriller about cutthroat collectors.

BATS Reality Theater BATS Improv upgrades reality TV to live onstage action in April, during its "Reality Theater" shows. Special guests 3 For All turn reality inside out the first weekend in April, followed by *The Life Game*, when the details of an audience volunteer's life fuel the improv energy. *Director's Cut* later in April turns it up a notch with both directors and actors improvising unique theatrical visions to win audience votes. *The News Show* features improv inspired by headline news.

Dave Dennison & Lisa Rowland
PHOTO COURTESY OF BATS IMPROV

For May, BATS explores the "Classical Stage Plays" theme, riffing off the works of great playwrights, gods and heroes from mythology, Broadway musicals, and more. In April and May, the Sunday Freestyle Impro shows feature students and graduates from BATS improv school. Shows run every weekend from **April 3 to May 30**, at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets costs $8 to $20 ($5 to $18 advance). Visit www.improv.org or call (415) 474-6776 for details.

Magical Gypsy Adventure The Young Performers Theatre group presents *Madeline and the Gypsies* in April and May. This delightful play appeals to adults as well as children with a classic story of friendship, adventure, and circus fun. The title character Madeline departs from her house in Paris to visit a colorful gypsy carnival with the son of the Spanish ambassador, who lives next door. The circus comes to town from **April 25 to May 17**, Saturdays at 1 p.m. and Sundays at 1 and 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $7-$10. For more information, visit www.ypt.org or call (415) 346-5550.

Stamps, Scoundrels & Savoir Faire Magic Theatre finishes the 2008-2009 season with a wickedly smart play that pits a young woman against scheming relatives, devious collectors, and unscrupulous dealers out to make it big in the high-stakes world of rare stamps.

Mauritius is a warp-speed thriller from the agile mind of Theresa Rebeck, an Emmy-winning screenwriter for the *NYPD Blue* TV series and a Pulitzer Prize nominee for *Omnium Gatherum*.

When the young heroine in *Mauritius* discovers one of the rarest stamps in the world in an inheritance from her mother, all hell breaks lose as various unsavory characters scramble to snatch the tiny piece of priceless paper. Even her own sister is not to be trusted in this deliciously twisted caper involving eccentric stamp enthusiasts, shady swindlers, and the demented world of philately, or stamp collecting.

Magic Theatre presents *Mauritius* in late **May** and most of **June** with shows at 8 p.m. Wednesday–Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. There are also 7 p.m. shows on select Sundays. See Magic's web site for the current schedule.

Tickets cost $40 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights and $45 on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday matinees. Seniors and students save $5 on tickets. Preview tickets are only $25. Opening night is sold out. Buy tickets online at www.magictheatre.org or call the box office at (415) 441-8822.

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The Best Tamales in Northern California

▶ LANDMARK BUILDING A

Sample many tamale styles from the finest tamale makers in Northern California at the Taste of Tamales by the Bay fundraiser for the Benchmark Institute in late April. Tamales from many regions are served at the event, including dessert tamales as well as Mexican, Yucatán, Salvadoran, and Chilean creations.

Intrepid tamale investigators Marta Mora and Marie Contreras explored much of the San Francisco Bay Area's tamale culture to discover the perfect recipes for Benchmark Institute's event. Among the participating vendors are Estrellita's Snacks, favorites of the Alemany and Heart of the City farmers' markets in San Francisco. Also in attendance is Lucy's Tamale Factory of San Jose, CA and Mateo Granados Catering of Healdsburg, CA.

Nothing goes better with tamales than Margaritas, salsa, and heirloom beans – which is why Taste of Tamales features Margaritas Rock! The Margarita Gladiator Challenge contest, along with samples of Rancho Gordo's new world heirloom beans and Mrs. A's Famous Salsa. Grupo Colibri supplies the rhythms of Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Colombia for the event. Taste of Tamales also offers tamale-making demonstrations and storytelling about tamales or other traditional food, such as pasta, dim sum, and lumpia.

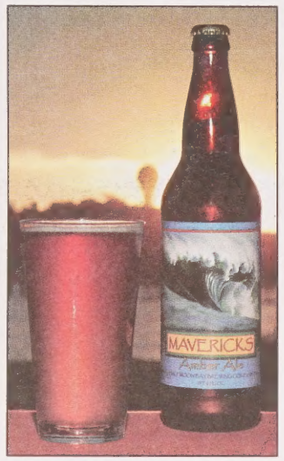
Taste of Tamales By the Bay brings great food and fun to the Building A Conference Center on Sunday, **April 26**, Noon to 4 p.m. Tickets cost $35 in advance or $40 at the door. Children ages six to 12 years may enter for $15 and children younger than six years enter free with an adult. The first round of Margaritas Rock! is at 12:30 p.m. with the final round at 2:30 p.m. Contestant fees are $20 in addition to the tasting ticket. Go to www.tamalesbythebay.org or call (415) 695-9296 for more details.

Taste of Tamales By the Bay PHOTO COURTESY OF BENCHMARK INSTITUTE

Cheers For The San Francisco Beer Festival

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

For the past 25 years, an epic beer festival has helped raise funds for the Telegraph Hill Cooperative Nursery School. In 2009, the 26th annual San Francisco International Beer Festival offers samples of more than 300 beers from some of the best craft brewers in the world.



Half Moon Bay Brewing Company

Breweries, brewpubs, and beer-related operations of all sorts participate, including many from the San Francisco Bay Area. National and multinational brewers are also on hand, such as Beck's, Heineken, Spaten, and Kronenbourg, as well as smaller companies.

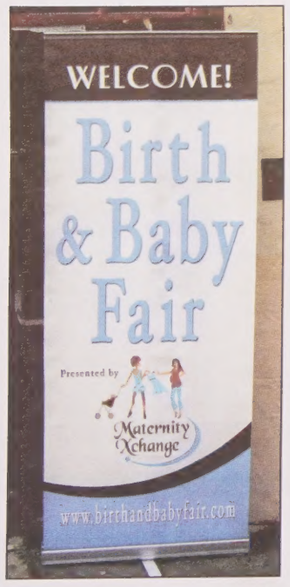
The Beer Festival also features tasty food and beverages other than beer. A variety of hard cider makers appear, including Wyder's, Woodchuck, and Magners. Mike's Hard Lemonade has a tasting station, as does Mountain Meadows Mead. Unique non-alcoholic beers are also in the mix, such as Golden Pheasant from the Slovak Republic. Hearty cuisine from local favorites such as Aidell's Sausage Company, Trader Joe's, and Max's, complement the robust brews,

The San Francisco International Beer Festival flows into Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion on Saturday, **April 25**, from 7–10 p.m. Last call is 9:45 p.m. Tickets cost $60 and include a petite, commemorative beer tasting stein. The festival is open to those 21 years old and older. For more information, visit www.sfbeerfest.com. To learn more about the school that inspired the fundraiser, visit www.telhillcoop.org.

Fair For Babies, Parents, Families

▶ LANDMARK BUILDINGS A & D

Maternity Xchange, a discount designer maternity clothing company, sponsors the San Francisco Birth and Baby Fair, a valuable resource for parents, families, and future families. Baby fair visitors can attend workshops, shop for maternity and baby gear, and learn about services for pregnant mothers and their partners, new parents, and babies.



Among the participating exhibitors are Yoga Garden, Conscious Conception, Sacred Birthplace, and Mellow Mommy. California Pacific Medical Center's Baby Steps parent network participates in the fair, as do the Bay Area Homebirth Collective and the Stroller Strides fitness program. Maternity Xchange also hosts a sale of maternity clothes and children's items during the fair.

The fair also features workshops on a variety of topics. The "Birth Options and Alternatives" session offers information on non-traditional birth practices. Another workshop with Petit Appetite shares information on how to prepare fresh organic baby food and toddler meals. Touch Blue Sky shows parents and babies how to communicate with baby sign language. The "Sleep Techniques" workshop supplies insights into how to avoid raising children with poor sleep habits.

The San Francisco Birth and Baby Fair brings bundles of joy to Building A on Sunday, **May 3**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is $5 or $8 for two tickets. The first 250 people receive gift bags. Visit the web site at www.birthandbabyfair.com or call (415) 867-0291 for more information.

San Francisco Birth & Baby Fair PHOTOS COURTESY OF MATERNITY XCHANGE

Norway Festival

▶ HERBST PAVILION

San Francisco's Norway Day Festival is a time for people of Norwegian background and anyone interested in Scandinavian culture to celebrate established and emerging traditions of Norway. The theme for the 2009 festival is "Thinking Globally ... Acting Locally."

NORWAY DAY FESTIVAL SAN FRANCISCO NORWAY DAY

Global and local Norwegian cultures abound at the Norway Day Festival in Fort Mason Center's Herbst Pavilion. Many festival participants present booths highlighting traditional Norwegian food, crafts, music, and genealogy. However, contemporary Norway is also well-represented in displays about modern Norwegian music, art, technology, industry, and innovation.

Under the direction of the Consul General of Norway based in San Francisco, the Norway Day Festival also brings attention to current Norwegian efforts to improve world diplomacy and global and local ecologies.

The Norway Day Festival enters the Herbst Pavilion on Saturday, **May 2**, 8 a.m to 5 p.m. and Sunday, **May 3**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check www.norwayday.org for updates on special evening concerts and events happening over the weekend (separate ticket may apply). Regular festival daytime tickets cost $12 for one day or $20 for both days. Purchase tickets in advance online to save $4 per ticket. Children younger than 12 years enjoy free admission.

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Note: Programs subject to change—check web site of event for latest information | For dates not shown in Calendar, refer to Ongoing Programs

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THURSDAY 2

City Guides Tours: Fort Mason to Aquatic Park Explore the magnificent edge of SF's northern waterfront where history & coastal vistas combine for an amazing range of cultural & recreational amenities. FREE (donations welcome). 1st & 3rd Thur 1:30 pm (4/2&16, 5/7&21), 1st & 2nd Sat 11am (4/4&11, 5/2&9). Meet at NW corner Van Ness & Bay www.sfcityguides.org (415) 557-4266

● **SF Conservatory of Music** A comic, post-modern production of Jacques Offenbach's *Orphée et Eurydice* re-imagined as *Orpheus in the Underworld* & set in 1960s SF. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 4/2-5 Thur-Sat 7:30pm Sun 2pm $15-$20 FMC "Friends" $17 w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.sfcm.edu (415) 503-6275 (info) (415) 345-7575 (tkts)

FRIDAY 3

● **BATS Improv** FMC's resident improv troupe presents special guests 3 For All, the *Life Game*, *News Show* & more for April's "Reality Theatre" theme. In May, BATS explores the "Classic Stage Plays" theme w/3 new improv formats. BATS' Sunday Players (improv school grads) create improv w/audience ideas. 4/3-5/30 Fri&Sat 8pm Sun 7pm $8-$20 ($5-$18 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

3 For All 4/3&4 Fri&Sat 8pm www.3forall.com

Sunday Players Freestyle Impro 4/5-5/31 Sun 7pm

The Life Game 4/10&11 Fri&Sat 8pm

Director's Cut 4/17&18 Fri&Sat 8pm

The News Show 4/24&25 Fri&Sat 8pm

Great Playwrights 5/1&2 Fri&Sat 8pm

Gods & Heroes: Improv Myths 5/8&9 Fri&Sat 8pm

Simple Stage Play 5/15&16 Fri&Sat 8pm

Family Drama 5/22&23 Fri&Sat 8pm

Spontaneous Broadway 5/29&30 Fri&Sat 8pm

● **SF Conservatory Of Music** see 4/2

SATURDAY 4

SF Spring Seminar An event for the Executive Council of Homeowners 4/4 Sat 8am-1pm FREE RSVP req Firehouse www.echo-ca.org (408) 297-3246

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE Bldg C www.aasf.org (415) 674-1821

Exploring The Spiritual Life Weekly discussion group examines the spiritual journey. Receive encouragement for life's everyday challenges & explore how God fits into life's journey. Ongoing Sat 11am (no mtg 5/9) FREE Bldg C www.secondwindsf.org (415) 748-0015

● **American Hwangap** Lloyd Suh's new play surveys the broken past of a Korean man on his 60th birthday as he tries to reconcile w/the family he abandoned years ago. 4/4-5/3 Previews 4/4-10 Sat&Wed-Fri 8pm Sun 2:30pm Run of the play 4/11-5/3 Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30&7pm (no 7pm shows 4/12&19 Sun) $20-$45 ($75 4/11 Sat SOLD OUT) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

City Guides Tours: Fort Mason see 4/2

● **SF Conservatory of Music** see 4/2

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

SUNDAY 5

Food Addicts In Recovery A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. Ongoing Sun 8-9:30am FREE Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

Taking The Sea Author Dennis Powers discusses his new title, *Taking the Sea*, a book about maritime salvage on the West Coast. 4/5 Sun 5pm $5 RSVP req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.maritimelibrary friends.org (415) 561-7040

Waterfront AA Meeting Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sun 8-9pm FREE Bldg C www.aasf.org (415) 674-1821

● **SF Conservatory of Music** see 4/2

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

MONDAY 6

Food Addicts In Recovery Monday night meetings for those recovering from food-related conditions. Ongoing Mon 7-8:30pm FREE Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 543-3476

WEDNESDAY 8

Long Now Foundation SF Mayor Gavin Newsom in a seminar on long-term thinking: "Cities & Time" 4/8 Wed 7pm (coffee) 7:30pm (lecture) FREE ($10 donation rec) Cowell Theater www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

National Council For Geocosmic Research "It's Your Money; Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Making Money, Part Two: The Planets" w/Dorothy Kovach. 4/8 Wed 7:30-9:30pm $18 ($15 adv) Bldg C www.ncgrsanfrancisco.org (415) 558-9614

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

THURSDAY 9

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

FRIDAY 10

Eve's Elixir: Eyes of Eve More than 25 dancers & musicians explore diverse viewpoints w/7 world dance styles directed by 5 choreographers. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 4/10&11 Fri&Sat 7pm $15-$25 Cowell Theater www.eveselixir.net (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

SATURDAY 11

Bay Area Linkup (BAL) Swap Meet BAL revives old-time "swap meet" idea where community members barter, sell & give away diverse items. Social event w/time to meet & mingle. Open to public. 4/11 Sat 11am-3pm FREE (RSVP via Web site) Bldg C bayarealinkup.com/event_detail.php?eid=23848 (925) 934-6113

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● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

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Exploring The Spiritual Life see 4/4

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

Eve's Elixir: Eyes of Eve see 4/10

SUNDAY 12

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book Bay Bookstore

● Books, CDs, videos, DVDs & ephemera donated to support programs in SF libraries. Daily 10am-6pm (Closed some holidays, call store for info.) FREE FMC "Friends" 10% off purchases w/mbrs card Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www.friendssfpl.org (415) 771-1076

April Featured Section: "Drugs: Epiphany to Degradation"

May Featured Section: "Western Americana"

City College Of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus

Offices open Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (Closed 5/25 Mon, No classes 4/4-12) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1840

Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE 1st Fl Lobby (415) 561-1843

City Guides Tours: Fort Mason to Aquatic Park

Explore the magnificent edge of SF's northern waterfront where history & coastal vistas combine for an amazing range of cultural & recreational amenities. FREE (donations welcome). 1st & 3rd Thur 1:30 pm (4/2&16, 5/7&21); 1st & 2nd Sat 11am (4/4&11, 5/2&9). Meet at NW corner Van Ness & Bay www.sfcityguides.org (415) 557-4266

Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby

Daily 9am-8pm (Closed 5/25 Mon) FREE Bldg A www.fortmason.org (415) 441-3400

Prints by Michael Schwab Studio Colorful graphical images created to signify a variety of areas within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, including Alcatraz, Fort Funston, Muir Woods, Sweeney Ridge & more. Ongoing exhibit. www.michaelschwab.com

Long Now Foundation

● The Long Now Foundation promotes & supports long-term thinking through exhibits, lectures & other materials available in its store. Mon-Fri 10:30am-5pm Sat&Sun 11am-6pm (Closed 5/25 Mon) FREE FMC "Friends" 5% off purchases w/mbrs card Bldg A www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

Lecture Series SF Mayor Gavin Newsom in a seminar on long-term thinking: "Cities & Time " (4/8) & Paul Romer on "A Theory of History" (5/18). 4/8 & 5/18 Wed & Mon 7pm (coffee) 7:30pm (lecture) FREE ($10 donation rec) Cowell Theater

Museo ItaloAmericano

Gallery & gift shop Tue-Sun Noon-4pm FREE Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Abstract in Motion Paintings & sculpture by Peter Albert Scaturro 2/27-5/3

San Francisco: Dreams & Visions Photography by J. Clifton Albergotti 2/27-5/3

Italian Language Classes See Classes & Workshops

SF Maritime National Historical Park (J. Porter Shaw Library)

Premier collection of maritime history, books, magazines, photographs, oral histories & ships' plans. Mon-Fri & 1st Sun/mo 1-4pm (By appt. only, closed 5/25 Mon) FREE Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/researchcontact.htm (415) 561-7030

Taking the Sea Dennis Powers discusses *Taking the Sea: Perilous Waters, Sunken Ships, and the True Story of the Legendary Wrecker Captains*, a book on West Coast maritime salvage. (See www.dennispowersbooks.com for details.) 4/5 Sun 6pm $5 RSVP req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.maritimelibraryfriends.org (415) 561-7040

Surviving Cape Horners Park historian Ted Miles speaks about sturdy square-rigged ships that once lined the SF waterfront. 5/3 Sun 5pm $5 RSVP req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.maritimelibraryfriends.org (415) 561-7040

SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery

Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm FREE Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/pages/artists_gallery (415) 441-4777

Loft Gallery "New World Order: The Villanueva Vignettes" by Jenifer K Wofford 3/19-4/24 www.wofflehouse.com

Juan Carlos Quintana, Sheldon Greenberg, Francesca Pastine 3/19-4/24

SFMOMA Artists Gallery Warehouse Sale Premier event celebrates Bay Area art that presents a wide range of works by contemporary artists all in one place. Paintings, sculpture, drawings & affordable unframed works on paper priced from $50 to $5000. 5/6-10 Wed 6-9pm (preview reception, $10), Thur&Fri Noon-8pm, Sat Noon-5:30pm, Sun Noon-4pm (Sale FREE)

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THURSDAY 16

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● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

FRIDAY 17

● **Sterling Silver Jewelry Shows** Hi Ho Silver SF intros the Spring/Summer collection of new silver pieces from Mexico, Cambodian silk scarves & Batle Workshop graphites. 4/17-19 (Bldg A) & 5/1-3 (Gatehouse) Fri&Sun 11am-4pm Sat 10am-4:30pm FREE FMC "Friends" 10% off purchases w/mbrs card Bldg A www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

Rigoletto San Francisco Lyric Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's tragic Italian tale of a jester, his lovelorn daughter & the price of vengeance — set in the lush, vicious court of the lecherous Duke of Mantua. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 4/17, 19, 24 & 26 Fri 7:30pm Sun 2pm $22.50-$36.50, $58.50-$93.50/season sub (younger than 12 FREE) Cowell Theater www.sflyricopera.org (415) 345-7575 (tkts)

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

SATURDAY 18

Soirée 2009 Celebrate SF's architectural heritage w/a black tie evening of fine dining, dancing, casino gambling & a silent auction of wonderful prizes. 4/18 Sat Call for time $300-$3500 Herbst Pavilion www.sfheritage.org info@sfheritage.org (415) 441-3000

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Alcoholics Anonymous see 4/4

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 4/4

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

● **Silver Jewelry Show** see 4/17

SUNDAY 19

SF Zen Center Benefit Event and Auction Annual fundraiser honors Huston Smith & Angeles Arrien. 4/19 Sun 6pm Call for cost. Greens Restaurant Bldg A www.sfzc.org (415) 354-0445

SF Lyric Opera: Rigoletto see 4/17

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous see 4/5

Waterfront AA Meeting see 4/5

● **Silver Jewelry Show** see 4/17

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Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/6

WEDNESDAY 22

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Monthly meeting w/educational programs about numismatics. 4/22&5/27 Wed 7:30-9pm FREE Bldg C www.pcns.org ask@numorum.com

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

Archetypal Figures In Opera & Dance

▶ COWELL THEATER

Epic figures stalk the stage at Fort Mason Center's Cowell Theater in April when Eve, Orpheus, and Rigoletto inspire memorable performances in signature title productions.

Underworld: 1960s San Francisco In early April, The San Francisco Conservatory of Music Opera Theatre presents a delightful twist on Gluck's traditional *Orphée et Eurydice* opera with *Orpheus in the Underworld*. Set in 1960s San Francisco, Orpheus and Eurydice are a dysfunctional married couple — both characters have extramarital affairs.

In Golden Gate Park, Eurydice meets her lover, underworld god Pluto, disguised as a hippie. Pluto sweeps her off to his lair in Hades, where the erring pair soon get visits from Jupiter and a pantheon of equally bored gods looking for some excitement. Hades turns out to be San Francisco's Haight Ashbury district in all its 1960s glory. The silly setting leads to a lot of frivolity, confusion, and general mayhem.

Orpheus in the Underworld plays in the Cowell **April 2–5**, Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost $15–$20. For more information, go to www.sfcm.edu or call (415) 503-6275.

Eyes Of Eve Inspired by the Biblical Eve, the Eve's Elixir project assembles diverse choreographers in contemporary world dance to collaborate on a nontraditional production. On April 10 and 11, Eve's Elixir presents *Eyes of Eve* in the Cowell Theater. In each piece, artists offer a variety of perspectives on a broad range of themes — the fearful and exciting prospect of new love, connections between painter and muse, and war as it affects women and children.

Eyes of Eve unfolds in the Cowell on Friday and Saturday, **April 10 and 11**, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $15–$20 at the Cowell Box Office at (415) 345-7575 or www.fortmason.org/boxoffice. Visit www.eveselixir.net for details about Eve's Elixir.

A Tragic Jester's Tale The San Francisco Lyric Opera's season at the Cowell Theater continues with Guiseppe Verdi's classic opera about the bitter, hunchbacked jester Rigoletto and his beloved daughter Gilda. Taking place in the treacherous Italian court of the lascivious Duke of Mantua, tragedy ensues when the jester runs afoul of the wrong people and Gilda pays the price.

Rigoletto performances occur in the Cowell on Fridays, **April 17 and 24** at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, **April 19 and 26**, at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are $22.50–$36.50 and season subscriptions are $58.50–$93.50. Call the box office at (415) 345-7575 for tickets and visit www.sflyricopera.org for details.

Eve's Elixir ARTISTIC DIRECTOR HOLLY SHAW

THURSDAY 23

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

FRIDAY 24

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

SF Lyric Opera: Rigoletto see 4/17

SATURDAY 25

SF Bay Area Postcard Club Monthly meeting of postcard enthusiasts w/old & new postcards for sale or trade. 4/25&5/30 Sat Noon-3pm FREE Bldg C www.postcard.org (415) 826-8337

● **Madeline & the Gypsies** Explore Madeline's lovely world as she joins Pepito & a gypsy carnival. 4/25-5/17 Sat 1pm Sun 1&3:30pm $7-$10 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

SF International Beer Festival Northern CA's original beer festival offers unlimited tastings of more than 300 of the world's best craft brews & fabulous food from SF's best restaurants. Proceeds benefit Telegraph Hill Cooperative Nursery School. 4/25 Sat 7-10pm $60 (adv sales only) Festival Pavilion www.sfbeerfest.com (415) 358-5727

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Alcoholics Anonymous see 4/4

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 4/4

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

SUNDAY 26

A Taste of Tamales By the Bay Enjoy tamales, heirloom beans, salsa & more at a Benchmark Institute fundraiser. Event also features tamale-making demos, margarita contest, storytelling & live music. 4/26 Sun Noon-4pm $15-$45 (adults $35 adv) Bldg A www.tamalesbythebay.org (415) 695-9296

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous see 4/5

Waterfront AA Meeting see 4/5

SF Lyric Opera: Rigoletto see 4/17

● **Madeline & the Gypsies** see 4/25

MONDAY 27

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/6

TUESDAY 28

Master Huang Songjian Pottery Figures An exhibit of Chinese pottery figures by a Shiwan arts & crafts master practicing his art for more than 50 years. 4/28-5/2 Tue-Sat 9:30am-5:30pm FREE Bldg D +86-757-82729030

Songscreening A music industry guest screens original songs for possible use in TV or films, placement w/recording artists, or for artist development deals. 4/28&5/26 Tue 7-10pm $5 & $75 annual fee Bldg C www.westcoastsongwriters.org (800) FORSONG [367-7664]

WEDNESDAY 29

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

Huang Songjian Figures see 4/28

THURSDAY 30

SF Astrological Society Monthly meetings & lectures. Daniel Giamario on "Introduction to Shamanic Astrology" (4/30) & A.T. Mann on "Astrology & the Art of Healing" (5/28). 4/30 &5/28 Thur 7:30-9:30pm $12 Bldg C www.sfastrologicalsociety.com (415) 566-8174

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

Huang Songjian Figures see 4/28

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Blue Bear School Of Music See Performing Arts classes.

Chinese Dance Academy Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms w/ modern dance & offers classes for all ages. Bldg C www.lilycaidance.org (415) 474-4829

Golden Gate Music Together 45-minute classes include songs, rhythmic rhymes, movement & instrument play. Activities are informal, non-performance-oriented musical experiences developmentally appropriate for children. 9&10-wk classes. Spring 2009: 3/30-6/6 Mon 9:30, 10:30&11:30am (no classes 5/1&15 Fri & 5/12&13 Tue&Wed). See web site for schedules. $220 (discounts for siblings) Gatehouse www.goldengatemusictogether.com (415) 827-4585

Jing Mo Athletic Assn See Martial Arts classes

SF Children's Art Center focuses on a process-oriented art experience for children ages 27 mos to 10 yrs. Spring 3/23-5/30 (no classes 4/6-12 Mon-Sun & 5/25 Mon). Call or visit web site for schedule & costs. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Spring Break Mini-Camp: Bloom, Buzz, Paint "Art Studio" (3-5 yrs) $133, $28/drop-in; "Art in the Garden" (6-10 yrs) $195, $42/drop-in. 4/6-10 Mon-Fri 10am-4pm $133-$195/wk, $28-$42/drop-in

Art Birthday Parties include use of studio, art supplies & activities led by SFCAC teachers. 11am or 2pm Sun, cost varies

Young Performers Theatre Classes & plays for 3 yrs & up. Spring 2009 2/2-5/9 (no classes 4/6-11 Mon-Sat). Call or visit web site for info. $170-$200 Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Birthday Parties By arrangement

Madeline & The Gypsies see 4/25

EDUCATION

Bruce Cass Wine Lab offers fun, informational, & entertaining wine education. Bldg C www.brucecasswinelab.com (415) 839-5313

CA & Pacific NW Wines Weekender Specialty class on best wines of US Left Coast. Explores many regions & varietals. Optional Sat dinner at Ton Kiang in SF pairs Chinese cuisine & eco-conscious wines.

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MAYCALENDAR2009

Note: Programs subject to change—check web site of event for latest information | For dates not shown in Calendar, refer to Ongoing Programs

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FRIDAY 1

Songs Of Survival: Voices From Burma Benefit for the Foundation of the People of Burma observes 1st year after Cyclone Nargis w/a Burmese choir that honors the strength of the human spirit. Special guest Joan Baez. 5/1 Fri 7:30pm $25-$100 (or $500/2) Cowell Theater www.foundationburma.org (415) 217-7015

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

● **Silver Jewelry Show** see 4/17

Huang Songjian Figures see 4/28

SATURDAY 2

Norway Day Festival Celebrate Norway's character, people, culture & cuisine w/food, music, dance & fashion. 5/2&3 Sat 8am-5pm Sun 10am-4pm $12/day $20/2 days ($8/$16 adv) Herbst Pavilion www.norwayday.org

Modern Economy Sample Sale Unique samples, 2nds & overstocks from independent designers. 5/2 Sat 10:30am-3pm Call for cost Bldg A www.modeconomy.com (510) 326-4719

● **Company C Contemporary Ballet** Contemporary program w/"Vespers" by former Paul Taylor dancer David Grenke, Twyla Tharp's "Little Ballet," "Akimbo" from Company C's Artistic Director Charles Anderson, Val Caniparoli's "boink!" & Kirov-trained Nicolai Kabaniev's "Discoures." An "In Performance Series" recipient. 5/2&3 Sat 8pm Sun 2pm $20-$30 FMC "Friends" $5 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.companycballet.org (925) 708-0752 (info) (415) 345-7575 (tkts)

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● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

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Exploring The Spiritual Life see 4/4

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

● **Silver Jewelry Show** see 4/17

● **Madeline & The Gypsies** see 4/25

Huang Songjian Figures see 4/28

SUNDAY 3

● **SF Birth & Baby Fair** Birth & parenting info, maternity & baby gear & teach-ins for baby sign language & other pregnancy & baby topics. Gift bags for 1st 250 entries. Free & discount passes at sponsor locations (see web site). 5/3 Sun 10am-3pm $5 ($8 admits 2) FMC "Friends" FREE w/special code (contact Rachel@fortmason.org) Bldgs A&D www.birthandbabyfair.com (415) 867-0291

Surviving Cape Horners Park historian Ted Miles speaks about sturdy square-rigged ships that once lined the SF waterfront. 5/3 Sun 5pm $5 RSVP req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.maritimelibrary.friends.org (415) 561-7040

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

● **American Hwangap** see 4/4

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/5

Waterfront AA Meeting see 4/5

● **Silver Jewelry Show** see 4/17

● **Madeline & the Gypsies** see 4/25

Norway Day Festival see 5/2

MONDAY 4

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/6

TUESDAY 5

In the Rough Reading Series The Playwrights Foundation presents Deirdre O'Connor's *Assisted Living*, a play about family crisis & the perils of growing up. 5/5 Tue 7pm FREE (donation suggested) Magic Theatre Bldg D www.playwrightsfoundation.org (415) 626-0453

WEDNESDAY 6

SFMOMA Artists Gallery Warehouse Sale Premier event celebrates Bay Area art that presents a wide range of works by contemporary artists all in one place. Paintings, sculpture, drawings & affordable unframed works on paper priced from $50 to $5000. 5/6-10 Wed 6-9pm (preview reception, $10), Thur&Fri Noon-8pm, Sat Noon-5:30pm, Sun Noon-4pm (Sale FREE) SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/pages/artists_gallery_events (415) 441-4777

THURSDAY 7

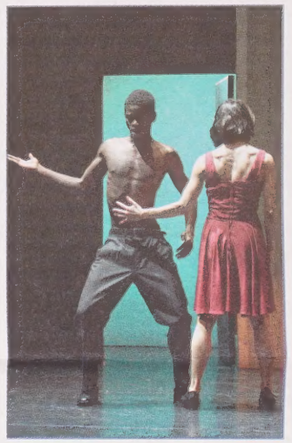
City Guides Tours: Fort Mason see 4/2

SFMOMA Artists Gallery Sale see 5/6

FRIDAY 8

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

SFMOMA Artists Gallery Sale see 5/6



SF International Arts Festival SASHA WALTZ & GUESTS

SATURDAY 9

Fabulous Fashionista Sample Sale LA's premier designer sample sale is back in SF. Huge sale features BCBG, Ella Moss, handbags & more. 1,000s of fab dresses, cashmere & tops in sizes 0-12 at 50-70 % off retail. 5/9 Sat 10am-4pm FREE Bldg D (213) 327-0531

Book Arts & Printers' Fair Calligraphers, printers, bookbinders, book artists & book dealers display & sell their work at this annual event. 5/9 Sat Check web site for time & cost. Bldg A www.pcba.info

LINES Ballet School Student dancers perform work by Alonzo King & others. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 5/9&10 Fri&Sat Call for times & costs. www.linesballet.org (415) 863-3040

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● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Alcoholics Anonymous see 4/4

● **Madeline & The Gypsies** see 4/25

SFMOMA Artists Gallery Sale see 5/6

SUNDAY 10

DancEsteem Performance Young dance students perform in a variety of styles. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 5/10 Sun 2pm Call for cost. Cowell Theater www.mobudancestudio.com (415) 602-8557

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/5

Waterfront AA Meeting see 4/5

● **Madeline & The Gypsies** see 4/25

SFMOMA Artists Gallery Sale see 5/6

LINES Ballet School See 5/9

MONDAY 11

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/6

THURSDAY 14

School Of The Arts (SOTA) Dance Concert SF public high school presents diverse dance styles w/choreography by students and artists-in-residence. Directed by Elvia Marta. 5/14-17 Thur-Sun 2pm Call for times & costs. Cowell Theater www.sfsota.org (415) 695-5700

FRIDAY 15

SF School Of The Arts see 5/14

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

SATURDAY 16

SF Art Institute (SFAI) MFA Graduate Exhibition The annual show by the graduating Master of Fine Arts students from SFAI. 5/16-25 Daily Contact for open horus. FREE Herbst Pavilion www.sfai.edu (415) 771-7020

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Alcoholics Anonymous see 4/4

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 4/4

● **Madeline & The Gypsies** see 4/25

SF School Of The Arts see 5/14

SUNDAY 17

Star Chefs & Vintners Gala Big names in the culinary world come together for this annual epicurean extravaganza, a benefit for Meals on Wheels of SF & its mission to provide meals & services to homebound seniors. 5/17 Sun 5-11pm $400 (patrons from $1500) Festival Pavilion www.mowsf.org (415) 920-1111

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/5

Waterfront AA Meeting see 4/5

● **Madeline & The Gypsies** see 4/25

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SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

MONDAY 18

Long Now Foundation Paul Romer in a seminar on long-term thinking: "A Theory of History" 5/18 Mon 7pm (coffee) 7:30pm (lecture) FREE ($10 donation rec) Cowell Theater www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/6

SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

TUESDAY 19

SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

WEDNESDAY 20

SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

THURSDAY 21

SF International Arts Festival Global gathering of leading artists from SF Bay Area & international companies. Groups include those led by Sasha Waltz & Mark Foehringer, as well as Ballet Nacional del Peru, Exile Theatre of Kabul, Gamelan Sekar Jaya, Bond Street Theatre, Cho-In Theatre, The Akhe Group, Ranferi Aguilar, Ana Nitmar, Ixim Tinamit & Smita Nagdev. See web site for entire lineup. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 5/21 Thur 8pm, 5/22 Fri 8pm, 5/23 Sat 2,6:30&9pm, 5/24 Sun 2&7pm & 5/28 Thur 7&9pm, 5/29 Fri 7&9pm, 5/30 Sat 2,6:30&9pm & 5/31 Sun 2,4&7pm $16-$25/show ($20 adv) Cowell Theater www.sfiaf.org (800) 838-3006

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SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

FRIDAY 22

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

SF International Arts Festival see 5/21

SATURDAY 23

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Alcoholics Anonymous see 4/4

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 4/4

SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

SF International Arts Festival see 5/21

SUNDAY 24

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/5

Waterfront AA Meeting see 4/5

SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

SF International Arts Festival see 5/21

MONDAY 25

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/6

SFAI MFA Exhibition see 5/16

TUESDAY 26

Songscreening see 4/28

WEDNESDAY 27

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society see 4/22

THURSDAY 28

SF Astrological Society see 4/30

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FRIDAY 29

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

SF International Arts Festival see 5/21

SATURDAY 30

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Alcoholics Anonymous see 4/4

Exploring The Spiritual Life see 4/4

SF Bay Area Postcard Club see 4/25

SF International Arts Festival see 5/21

SUNDAY 31

● **BATS Improv** see 4/3

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/5

Waterfront AA Meeting see 4/5

SF International Arts Festival see 5/21

ALSO IN MAY

● **Mauritius** Directed by Magic's Artistic Director Loretta Greco, Theresa Rebeck's new play follows a woman's adventure into the dangerous world of rare stamps where greedy dealers, collectors & family members hatch sinister schemes. Late May-June Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30pm (7pm shows on select Sundays). See Magic's web site for the current schedule. Tickets cost $40 on Wed, Thur & Sun nights & $45 on Fri & Sat nights & Sun matinees. Seniors and students save $5 on tickets. Preview tickets are $25. ($75 Sat opening night SOLD OUT) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Bruce Cass Wine Lab (cont.)

CA & Pacific NW Wines (cont.) 4/24-26 Fri 7-9:15pm, Sat 5-7:15pm (opt dinner 8pm) & Sun 11:30am-1:30pm $259/single & $119/dinner; $479/couple & $219/2 dinners

Essentials Of Great Wine Program offers in-depth look at wine varietals, regions, culture & history. 4/1-22 & 5/6-27 Wed 7-9pm $595

CCSF Continuing Education Offers not-for-credit continuing education courses in many subjects. Visit web site for course list & schedule. Office hours: Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm Spring 2009: 1/12-5/22 (closed 5/25 Mon, no classes 4/4-12) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1860

Driver Performance Institutes Alcohol & drug counseling & education program. Call or visit web site for schedules & costs. Ongoing 4/1-5/27 Mon-Wed 6-9pm (No class 5/25 Mon) Bldg C www.dui.com/ed (415) 905-5555

Improv Comedy Traffic School Laugh while you learn traffic safety in this traffic violator class. Ongoing classes. Call or visit web site for details. 4/4 Sat 9am-5pm $35 Bldg C www.4trafficschoolbyimprov.com (800) 775-5233

Junior League Of San Francisco Prospective member workshop. 4/29 Wed 6:15-8pm Bldg C Call for cost. RSVP jlsfmembership@gmail.com www.jlsf.org (415) 775-4100

Museo ItaloAmericano Ongoing classes in Italian language & culture. Call or visit web site for details. Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Presidio School Of Management See Environment classes

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Traveling Companions Enjoy nature while contributing to wilderness access for people w/disabilities & youth. Scholarships available. Contact ETC for more info. Offices: Bldg C www.etctrips.org (415) 474-7662

Photovoltaic System Design For Engineers & Designers High Sun Engineering's 3-day solar workshop for design pros covers high quality PV systems, feasibility reports, drawings & specs to develop skills in high demand w/architectural & engineering firms, developers & property owners. For engineers, designers, students & industry pros. 5/18-20 Mon-Wed 9am-5pm $985 Bldg C (707) 869-9391

Presidio School Of Management Earn an MBA in Sustainable Management. The program integrates social & environmental values within every course. Since 2003, the school has succeeded as a collaborative learning community committed to human, natural & financial sustainability. See web site for details. Classes 8am-6pm Thur-Sun Bldgs A&C/Firehouse www.presidiomba.org (415) 561-6555

HEALTH & RECREATION

● **Addiction Recovery Training & Open Houses** One-day seminars (paid) & free weekly open house programs. Bldg C www.sfrecoveryschool.com (415) 385-3652

Training Manage problems on your own. Includes presentation, discussion groups, guest speakers, notes & workbook w/self-paced exercises. Appropriate for any stage of recovery. Includes lunch & snacks. 5/10 Sun 9am-4pm $199 FMC "Friends" 10% off w/mbrs card

Gentle Power Aerobics 50 yrs & older. Ongoing classes at FMC for 28 yrs. Low-impact, high-energy aerobics Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30-10:30am. Yoga & stretching Tue 9:30-10:35am. (no classes 4/17&5/1 Fri & 5/25 Mon) $12/class Bldg C (415) 389-8249

San Francisco Medical Coding Covers ICD-9, CPT & HCPCS codes, PMCC & CPC exam training &review, coding rules & more. 2/21-5/30 Sat 8am-12:30pm $1675 Bldg C & Gatehouse www.sfmci.com (415) 229-3157

Zentherapy Bodytherapy Relieve pain, stress, trauma & energy blocks by aligning body, mind & spirit. 5/8-10 Fri-Sun, 5/16-24 Sat&Sun Contact for times. $1750 ($1250 for returning students, $50 off til 4/24) Bldg C www.zentherapy.org (415) 572-7723

MARTIAL ARTS

Bay Mountain Wing Tsun Kung Fu & Escrima Effective, natural, martial arts for inner growth, health & relaxation. Ongoing classes for men & women. See web site for schedule & cost. 4/2-5/30 Thur 6-9pm & 4/4, 4/11, 5/2&5/9 Sat 9am-Noon (No class 5/14 Thur) Bldg C www.bm-wingtsun.com (888) 429-9494

Cheuk Fung Yi Chuan Kung Fu Improve physical health & enhance mental faculties w/this down-to-earth style of martial arts. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 8-9:30pm $80/mo Bldg C www.yichuankungfu.com (510) 352-1263

Jack Man/Jing Mo Assn Rick L. Wing of Jing Mo Athletic Assn. leads classes formerly taught by retired Grand Master Jack Man Wong. Ongoing classes. Sun 10am-Noon, Wed 5:30-7:30pm (No classes 4/19, 5/17 & 5/24 Sun & 4/29 Wed) $50/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Jing Mo Athletic Assn Gung-fu hand forms & weapons, drums & lion dances taught in a fun environment. Children (ages 7 & older) & adults. Ongoing Fri 7-9:30pm (No class 5/29) $26-$36/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Sayoc Kali Official northern CA Sayoc group. Classes led by Tuhon Ricardo Kayanan & assoc instructor John Perrings. 4/2-5/28 Tue&Thur (No class 4/28 Tue) Call for cost Bldg C www.sayoc.com (415) 505-8092

Shaolin Tai Chi Mantis Kung Fu Learn & practice Kung Fu sets & techniques. Ongoing Mon 8-10pm $40/mo Bldg C (415) 750-9201

Tai Chi Learn & practice Tai Chi w/certified instructor Zach Ma. Ongoing classes. Bldg C (650) 755-2661

Morning Workout Improve health & balance, reduce stress. 4/2-5/28 Tue&Thur 8:30 9:30am $60/mo

MONEY MATTERS

Do-It-Yourself Loan Modification Seminars Ease mortgage pain thru loan mods at the DIY Loan MODs Power Hour(s). Learn who qualifies, when to apply, what your lender looks for & what to expect. 4/16&5/21 Thur 9-11am Gatehouse & 5/13 Wed 6:30-7:30pm Bldg C FREE www.ownrealestateright.com (415) 425-0857

PERFORMING ARTS

BATS Improv Whether you're an actor who wants to enhance your performance skills or someone who just thinks improv looks like fun, BATS Improv has a class for you. See web site for schedule & fees. See the calendar for BATS performance schedule. Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

Blue Bear School Of Music Private & group instruction in rock, jazz, blues, reggae & other popular musical styles. Instrument & voice, all ages & levels, day & evening programs. Group courses include band playing workshops for adults & kids plus Little Bear classes for infants to five years. Spring 2009: 4/6-6/14 Mon-Sat (Closed 5/25 Mon) Visit web site for schedules & fees. Bldg D www.blue bearmusic.org (415) 673-3600

Winter Quarter Band Showcases 3/30-4/1 Mon-Wed see web site for venues, times & costs

Spring 2009 Short Seminars 3/30-4/4 Mon-Thur & Sat $30 each See web site for topics & times

Chinese Dance Academy See Children's classes.

First Take Acting Program Study a holistic approach to acting with Nancy Berwid. 4/7-5/26 Tue 2-5pm & 7-10pm; Call for cost. Bldg C www.firsttake.org (925) 824-1212

Meisner Technique Of Acting Trained by Sanford Meisner, Rachael Adler teaches Meisner Technique w/exercises, scene & monologue work to focus on using instincts & emotional impulses as the forces underlying truthful action. Ongoing classes. 4/7-5/14 Tue&Thur Noon-2pm See web site for schedule & cost. Bldg C www.meisnercoach.com (415) 456-2725

Sanford Meisner School Of Acting Classes taught by founder Jim Jarrett, who studied four years w/Meisner. Days & times vary; see web site for schedule & costs. Bldg C & Gatehouse www.jarrettproductions.com (208) 720-7888

Young Performers Theatre See Children's classes.

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

About You Workshop Maureen Gammon's fun, multifaceted session for women focuses on life, individual needs & finding fulfillment. 5/23 Sat 9am-Noon $49 Bldg C www.focusedlivingcoaching.com (415) 752-8405

Astro-Locality Feng Shui Tad Mann shows how to combine the astrological local space chart w/octagonal Feng Shui bua gua into a powerful new tool. 5/30 Sat 10:30am-5:30pm $70 ($60 adv) Bldg C www.ncgrsanfrancisco.org (415) 558-9614

From Overwhelmed to Organized Workshop for home-based businesses. 3/31&4/7 Tue 6-8:30pm Call for cost. Bldg C www.havebalanceinlife.com/workshop.html (415) 260-2554

Managing Your Mood Through Mindfulness Learn simple methods in 8 weeks. Treat depression & chronic illness, increase awareness in daily life & enhance your ability to live in the present moment through mind/body practices. 4/1-5/6 Wed 7-9pm (no class 4/8) $30/session Gatehouse www.communitypsychiatry.com (415) 292-3440

Marriage Prep 101 Build a lifelong marriage w/Michelle & Patrick Gannon's award-winning workshop for premarital, newlywed &/or same sex couples. Learn communication, conflict resolution & intimacy skills. Includes refreshments, lunch & workbooks. 4/24&25 or 5/8&9 Fri 7-10pm, Sat 9am-5pm $420/couple Bldg C www.marriageprep101.com (415) 905-8830

Mindfulness Meditation Sakti Rose leads a class w/movement, meditation & discussion of the book, *The Heart of Meditation*. 3/9-4/27 Mon 6:30-8:30pm $20/class Bldg C (415) 339-7822

Motivational Interviewing Intensive Steven Malcolm Berg-Smith leads a workshop for helping pros who counsel clients & patients in making & sustaining healthy behavior changes. 5/27-29 Wed-Fri 8:30am-4:45pm $500 ($450 til 4/28) Bldg C www.berg-smithtraining.com (415) 924-6842

Partnership, Relationship & Sacred Marriage Astrology workshop w/Daniel Giamario. 5/3 Sun 9am-5pm Contact for cost. Bldg C www.sfastrologicalsociety.com (415) 566-8174

● **Public Speaking Workshop** Discover the thrill of speaking to a group & owning the room. Presenting can be fun. Learn how it feels to be in command and comfortable w/audiences. 4/11 Sat 9am-4:30pm $200 FMC "Friends" $25 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.speaking-freely.com (415) 647-4700

Systems-Centered Training Experiential theory w/group dynamics. 5/14 Thur 3-6pm Call for cost Bldg C www.systemscentered.com (404) 261-5559 ext 1, (510) 526-6201

VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

● **California Lawyers For The Arts** Classes & legal services for artists & art groups. FMC "Friends" $10 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-7200 x107

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Dancing With Youthful Exuberance

▶COWELL THEATER

San Francisco is home to a vibrant dance community nurtured by high-caliber dance schools for every level of performer. The month of May often marks graduation for some of San Francisco's fine dance academies and a number of them celebrate with performances at Fort Mason Center's Cowell Theater.

In May 2009, students from the LINES Ballet School/San Francisco Dance Center, Mobu Dance Studio's DanceEsteem program, and the San Francisco School of the Arts (SF SOTA) high school display their dancing skills and strengths.

LINES Ballet School Alonzo King's acclaimed LINES Ballet company trains dancers of all ages through its LINES Ballet School and San Francisco Dance Center. Recently recognized with a San Francisco Mayor's Art Award, King and his programs are cultural treasures for the entire SF Bay Area. The school's showcase at the Cowell highlights the variety of viewpoints and creative approaches encouraged through LINES Ballet's educational programs.

The LINES Ballet School performances take place on **May 9 and 10**, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit www.linesballet.org or call (415) 863-3040.

DanceEsteem Mobu Dance Studio trains young dancers in creative movement, ballet, and modern dance. By developing their own identities and creative visions through movements, the DanceEsteem students present lively dance routines filled with energy, playfulness, and new ideas.

Mobu Dance Artistic Director Takami Craddock believes of her students that "each of us will bloom when it is our time. My mission is to lead them to blossom in their own way at that special time."

DancEsteem lights up the Cowell stage on Sunday, **May 10,** at 2 p.m. For details, see www.mobudancestudio.com or call (415) 602-8557.

High School Musical The SF SOTA annual dance concert brings together a diverse group of students from San Francisco's premiere public high school for arts education. Competition to get into SF SOTA is fierce and many graduates go on to stellar dance careers.

The SF SOTA dance concert takes over the Cowell **May 15 and 16**, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and **May 17**, Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.sfsota.org or call (415) 695-5700.

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Multicultural Themes In Music & Dance

▶COWELL THEATER

San Francisco International Arts Festival CHO-IN THEATRE (SOUTH KOREA)

Tough economic times make it difficult for people to meet life's challenges — whether they involve recovering from disasters or proudly putting on professional artistic productions despite budget cuts.

Two groups at the Cowell Theater in May overcome adversity to bring audiences exhilarating entertainment — Foundation for the People of Burma and the San Francisco International Arts Festival. A third, Company C Contemporary Ballet, transcends the tough times to celebrate National Dance Week with stunning performances and uninhibited choreography.

Voices Of Burma Special guest Joan Baez joins the Voices From Burma performance for *Songs of Survival*, a stirring vocal performance marking the first year since Cyclone Nargis ravaged the country. An extraordinary Burmese choir and one legendary folk singer and activist sing songs of courage and hope to raise funds to help the Burmese people.

Voices From Burma sings in the Cowell on Friday, **May 1**, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $25, $200, or $500 ($500 admits two). For details, go to www.foundationburma.org or call (415) 217-7015.

Dance That Delivers Company C Contemporary Ballet continues its 2009 season at the Cowell with five pieces that stretch the boundaries of dance to accommodate singular artistic revelations. The company revives Twyla Tharp's "The Little Ballet," long regarded as the definitive statement about the interplay between classical and popular dance.

Also in the mix is "Vespers," conceived by former Paul Taylor Dance Company principal dancer David Grenke. Kronos Quartet accompanies "Akimbo" with music by Jon Hassell. Contemporary European style shines in "Dioscures" by Kirov-trained Nicolai Kabaniev. Val Caniparoli's lighter "boink!" stages sophisticated moves set to hip, retro pop music from Juan Garcia Esquivel.

Company C performs Saturday, **May 2**, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, **May 3** at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from $20 to $30. Visit www.companycballet.org or call (925) 708-0752.

International Arts Festival The San Francisco International Arts Festival produces Cowell shows featuring many acclaimed local and international performers, including Gamelan Sekar Jaya Indonesian music and dance, music from Guatemala and India, dance troupes led by Sasha Waltz and Mark Foehringer, the Exile Theatre of Kabul, and Korean and Russian theater groups.

The SF International Arts Festival has shows in the Cowell on Thursday **May 21** and Friday **May 22** (8 p.m.), Saturday **May 23 and 30** (2, 6:30, and 9 p.m.), Sunday **May 24** (2 and 7 p.m.), Thursday **May 28** and Friday **May 29** (7 and 9 p.m.), and Sun **May 31** (2, 4 and 7 p.m.) Tickets are $25 per performance or $20 in advance. Student and senior tickets are $16. For details,

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A Night of Elegant Extravagance

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

Meals on Wheels San Francisco hosts an elegant benefit affair to help isolated, homebound seniors in San Francisco with the Star Chefs and Vintners Gala in mid-May. This premiere food and wine event is the organization's signature annual fundraiser. Nancy Oakes of the famed Boulevard restaurant is the gala chef chair for the event.

The stellar lineup of participating chefs includes Chris Cosentino (Incanto, Boccolone restaurants), Daniel Patterson (Coi), Nate Appleman (A16, SPQR), and Jan Birnbaum (Epic Roasthouse). The elaborate event includes a reception with appetizers and drinks, a multicourse seated meal, and a lavish dessert finale.

Meals on Wheels estimates that the 2008 gala raised more than one million dollars, which translates into 220,000 home-delivered meals for San Francisco senior citizens.

The Star Chefs and Vintners Gala for Meals on Wheels of San Francisco sets up in the Festival Pavilion on Sunday, **May 17**, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. The hors d'oeuvres and wine reception occurs from 5 to 7 p.m. with a seated three-course dinner, live auction, and fund-a-route event running from 7 to 9 p.m. Dessert, dancing, and after-dinner drinks commence at 9 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m.

Individual tickets are $400 while patron levels range from $1,500 to $20,000. Visit www.mowsf.org or call (415) 920-1111, extension 234 for details.

Star Chefs & Vintners Gala

A Premiere Destination For Art Lovers

▶ LANDMARK BUILDING A

May is a huge art month at Fort Mason Center — visitors can enjoy Master Huang Songjian's Pottery Figures exhibit (Fleet Room, Building D), the San Francisco Art Institute Master of Fine Arts show (Herbst Pavilion), and the Pacific Center for the Book Arts fair (Building A) — all in one place. Add the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) Artists Gallery Warehouse Sale to the mix and Fort Mason Center becomes a premiere destination for fine art in May.

SFMOMA Artists Gallery is a Fort Mason Center (FMC) resident organization dedicated to representing San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California artists at all stages of their careers. Throughout the year, the gallery assembles an eclectic, innovative mix of creative professionals, with many contributing pieces to the annual warehouse sale. The end result is a fantastic collection of affordable, original works of art priced from $50 to $5,000. Paintings, sculpture, drawings, and unframed works on paper are among the items for sale.

The SFMOMA Artists Gallery's Annual Warehouse Sale takes place in the Conference Center and the gallery in Building A from **May 6–10**. The preview reception on Wednesday, **May 6** is $10; on all other days, admission is free. Viewing hours for Thursday and Friday, **May 7 and 8**, are Noon to 8 p.m. while Saturday, **May 9**, hours are Noon to 5:30 p.m. On the final day, Sunday, **May 10**, the sale is open from Noon to 4 p.m. Visit www.sfmoma.org/pages/artists_gallery_events or call (415) 441-4777 for more information.

San Francisco Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery

Soirée For Architectural Preservation

▶ HERBST PAVILION

San Francisco is home to many magnificent historical and architectural wonders. San Francisco Architectural Heritage hosts a big annual celebration in honor of the city's unique architectural character. Soirée 2009 recognizes the Fort Mason National Historic Landmark by bringing the party to Fort Mason Center, which contains a variety of historic structures.

The Soirée is a night for black tie elegance and formalwear with fine dining, dancing, casino gaming, and a silent auction for fabulous prizes. The event benefits SF Architectural Heritage programs, including the historic Haas-Lilienthal House tours and museum, heritage walking tours and hikes, and advocacy for historic preservation of period buildings and districts.

The San Francisco Architectural Heritage Soirée 2009 takes place in one of Fort Mason Center's historic architectural treasures — the Herbst Pavilion — on Saturday, **April 18**. Individual tickets cost $300 and tables start at $3,500. Visit www.sfheritage.org for details about the Soirée and information about San Francisco's priceless architectural heritage.

VISIT FORT MASON ONLINE

www.fortmason.org

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- **Latest Event listings**
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Fort Mason Center houses 23 resident nonprofit organizations. These groups can provide you with information on printmaking, broadcasting, river rafting, theater, dance, art legal issues, and more.

www.fortmason.org/residents

Fort Mason Center's Mission
To create and preserve a cultural, educational, and recreational center that reflects the unique history, talents, and interests of people in the Bay Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

LOCATION & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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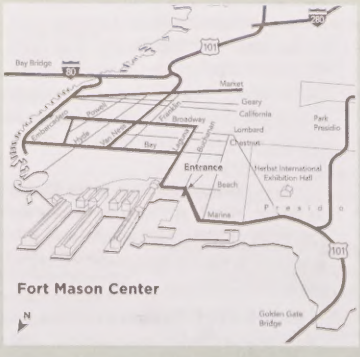

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